

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Role of the Director of Central Intelligence and the
Central Intelligence Agency

1. The statutory responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence and the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency are fixed by the National Security Act of 1947 and amendments thereto enacted as follows: _____. The following NSC Directives, NSCID's, and Executive Orders, currently in force, are applicable to the responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence and the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency:

_____, etc.

The letter of the President to the Director of Central Intelligence, dated 16 January 1962, delineates the role of the Director of Central Intelligence in the total United States foreign intelligence effort.

2. Attention is directed to the fact that the responsibilities and mission prescribed by the documents hereinabove set forth are in force and effect now, and will so remain in force and effect at all times, in peacetime and in wartime, unless and until modified or changed by legislation enacted by the Congress for such purpose or by orders promulgated by the President for such purpose.

3. The Director of Central Intelligence is directed to accomplish such emergency planning as is necessary to assure fulfillment of his responsibilities and the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency during periods of emergency and war. Such planning will include necessary communications, liaison, and such other arrangements as are necessary to enable the Director of Central Intelligence to render direct intelligence support to the President. This planning will be fully coordinated with appropriate agencies of the Government, including the Office of Emergency Planning, the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and such other departments and agencies as may be appropriate.